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## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

### **Tax Tribunal**

- The Senate confirmed the appointment of Patricia Halm to the Tax Tribunal [RC 542: 37 yes, 0 no].

## FINAL PASSAGE

### **SB 637 (George)**

This bill would amend current law with respect to underage drinking to prohibit a minor from having “any bodily alcohol content” as well as allow for imprisonment for repeat offenders (up to 30 days in jail for second offense and up to 90 days in jail for third offense).

Support: The District Judges Association and the Prosecuting Attorney’s Association of Michigan (PAAM).

Oppose: MI Beverages Association.

- Brater 1 was defeated [RC 544: yes, no]. This would have removed the jail time provisions of the bill.
- Switalski 2 was defeated. [RC 545: 17 yes, 20 no]. This would have removed language stating that any blood alcohol level constituted “possession” of alcohol.
- Switalski 3 was defeated [no RC]. This would have raised the blood alcohol limit to .08, in effect, eliminating the zero-tolerance aspect to the bill.
- Barter 4 was defeated [RC 546: 19 yes, 19 no]. This would have provided a “safe haven” for those who seek medical treatment for alcohol consumption. Those seeking medical treatment could not be punished under the bill.
- SB 637 passed [RC 547: 24 yes, 14 no].

### **SB 820 (Barcia)**

### **SB 821 (Garcia)**

### **SB 822 (Sanborn)**

### **SB 824 (Allen)**

Senate Bills 820-24 would amend the Single Business Tax (SBT) Act to extend to December 31, 2009, the ability of the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) to award certain tax credits, and require the Department of Treasury to audit taxpayers claiming a MEGA credit in order to verify that the actual number of jobs created or retained was the same as the number used to calculate the credit.

The bills would reduce State tax revenues by an unknown and potentially significant amount, depending upon how many additional credits would be awarded, the size of the credits, the purposes for which the credits were awarded, the tax liability of those receiving the credits, and whether or not the economic activity related to the credits would have occurred absent the credits.

Support: Mi. Chamber of Commerce.

Oppose: State AFL-CIO.

SB 820:

- SB 820 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.
- SB 820 passed [RC 549: 37 yes, 0 no].

SB 821:

- Allen 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- Allen 1A was adopted [no RC]
- SB 821 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 821 passed [RC 550: 38 yes, 0 no].

SB 822:

- Allen 1 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 822 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- Schauer 1 was defeated [RC].
- SB 822 passed [RC 551: 38 yes, 0 no].

SB 824:

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
- Allen 2 was adopted [no RC].
- Allen 2A was adopted [no RC].
- Van Woerkom 2B was withdrawn.
- Van Woerkom 2C was adopted [no RC]. This would allow rural areas to qualify for up to 5 MEGA grants. Rural areas are those counties with less than 75,000 people.
- SB 824 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- Olshove 1 was adopted [RC]. This pro-manufacturing amendment would make tool and die companies available for MEGA grants.
- Schauer 2 was defeated [RC 552: 15 yes, 22 no]. This dealt with rule promulgating powers of the MEGA Board.
- Schauer 3 (S-3) was defeated [RC 553: 16 yes, 22 no].
- SB 824 passed [RC 554: 38 yes, 0 no].

## **HB 4011 (DeRossett)**

HB 4011 would repeal the law which prohibits hunting on Sunday in Washtenaw County on lands that belong to another person. Support: DNR, MI Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners, MUCC, Hunting Dog Federation.

- HB 4011 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.
- HB 4011 passed with IE [RC 548: 32 yes, 5 no].

## **HB 4599 (Richardville)**

HB 4599 would repeal local acts which prohibit hunting on Sunday in Tuscola, Lenawee, Hillsdale, and St. Clair County on lands that belong to another person. Support: DNR, MI Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners, MUCC, Hunting Dog Federation.

- HB 4599 passed with IE [RC 543: 33 yes, 5 no].

## **HB 5188 (Palsrok)**

HB 5188 would allow Consumers Energy to continue their Appliance Service Program (ASP) through July 1, 2004 by requiring the Public Service Commission to extend the temporary waiver previously given.

Some people argue that Consumers Energy's ASP provides a valuable service for its customers, particularly senior citizens, and the physically disabled and low-income people. Customers are satisfied with the program because it is associated with a name they know and trust. If the company is forced to terminate the program, it will mean the end of a reliable, essential service during the coldest time of the year.

- HB 5188 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.
- HB 5188 passed with IE [RC 555: 38 yes, 0 no].

# **THIRD READING**

## **SB 785 (Patterson)**

The bill would allow the Legislature, by concurrent resolution, to authorize the Secretary of State (SOS) to develop and issue specialty fund-raising license plates and collector plates.

Support: Secretary of State.

Oppose: State Police, Governor's Office -- The bill presents a potential constitutional conflict. It is unclear whether the Legislature may, by concurrent resolution, circumvent the presentment and enactment process and the Governor's signature.

- Committee 1 (amends) was defeated [no RC]. Patterson spoke against these amendments.
- Patterson 2 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
- Patterson 2A (1 amend) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 785 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

## **HB 4666-68 (Ward)**

House Bills 4666-68 would amend separate zoning laws to permit local units of government to approve a planned unit development with open space not contiguous with the rest of the planned unit development.

- HB 4666 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.
- HB 4667 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.
- HB 4668 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.

## **HB 5027 (Pastor)**

HB 5027 would change the allocation of the money collected by snowmobile registration fees. The bill also increases the amount of revenue dedicated to the recreational snowmobile trail improvement fund and provides more money to local units of government and snowmobile clubs.

Support: DNR, Michigan Snowmobile Association, Mi. Townships Assoc., Mi. Env. Council, Mi. Assoc. Council.

- HB 5027 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.

## RESOLUTIONS

### SCR 38 (Hammerstrom)

Legislative calendar.

- SCR 38 was adopted [no RC].